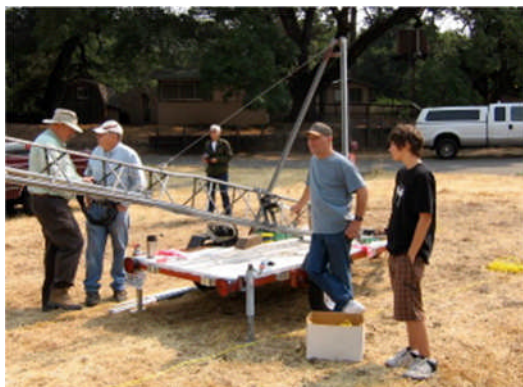


# Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS



## FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL

CQ Field Day, CQ Field Day will be ringing in our ears as we get set for Field Day on the weekend of the 25th and 26th of this month.



IT IS VERY IMPORTANT every one attend this month's meeting to help get this activity organized. This is one of the most fun activities the club does all year, so all are invited to participate. To continue the tradition, a great dinner will be served Sat. night, so you and spouse/other are invited.

Judy and I spent the most of May traveling around the country. One stop was staying in Darrel and Catherine's place in Rolette, NDak. I put the mobile antenna on the roof of the Prius, ran 50ft of coax into the house and fired up the ICOM 706. It was amazing to hear so much DX. Here is a sample of the DX worked, EC2KR, RA5A, LZ1ZD, 9A2EU, and 6W/RK5FF. I also worked a lot of PSK-31, KD6FIL being one station in the log. The highlight was keeping a sked with Alan and San on 20m phone.

The club will put up a demonstration station at Sonoma Skypark on the 18th, so anyone wishing to help or operate is welcome. This is a good opportunity to show the public ham radio.

If you already haven't heard, the WA6YGD repeater is performing well.

See you at the meeting and remember to turn your radio on.

73, Jim, K6UUW



## Meeting Minutes for May 18

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Vice President, Ed Jacobson, W1EJ at 7:40 PM on May 18, 2011.

**Introductions** were made. There were 11 members and 1 guest in attendance. Members in attendance were, KE6HID, KF6FZM, KJ6DPZ, KA2QQO, K6KLL, N7PIB, WB6TMH, W1EJ, KI6RTP, N6PWV, KI6FFM and KD6FIL. Guest was Kris, KJ6OFO

**Approval of Minutes:** Dave brought the wrong minutes, so there were none to approve.

**Treasurer**, Desmond, KI6DPZ, said that we have \$3897.47 in the bank. We did very well at the Hamfest (probably an all time record!) and made about \$1530. Thanks to WB6TMH for selling all donated equipment and NJ6E for manning the club swap table and selling the surplus club radios. We are always accepting dues. There was a motion made and approved to send flowers to W6WXU who just got home from the hospital on Tuesday.

**Radio Officer:** WB6TMH repaired the club power supply for the EOC. It had a bad transistor.

### **Old Business**

The Hamfest went very well. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it successful.

VOMARC members did a demonstration of ham radio at the Sonoma Skypark for the Young Eagles event (the second Sunday of every month). W1EJ brought a CW rig and a number of people stopped by when they heard it. Ed also signed up the VOMARC to the Straight Key Century Club. We are now number 7953. The next time is June 11<sup>th</sup>.

We need net controls for VOMARC for June and July. W1EJ volunteered for June and K6UUW does know yet that he volunteered for July.

The program at the High School is still going thanks to KI6FFM, K6UUW and especially KJ6DPY for his energy and enthusiasm.

### **New Business**

Non ACS events coming up in Sonoma this year. It sounds like the Hit the Road Jack has been canceled this year. The next event would be the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. There was a quick poll of the members present and there was interest in participating. We need to make contact with Chief Sackett to see if that is possible.

There was a discussion about future programs for the club meetings. The items that were mentioned were: APRS, Echolink/IRLP, Antennas (construction and applications) PSK, Fox Hunting.

The Point Reyes Lighthouse activation is scheduled for August 6 and 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

—Respectfully submitted, Dave KD6FIL

## **FEMA Admin Praises Hams**

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

At the Earthquake Communications Preparedness Forum, held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 in Washington, DC, FEMA Administrator, Craig Fugate, had some kind words to say about ham radio. He noted that ham radio really is valuable "when all else fails."

The Web page describing the conference <<http://www.fcc.gov/event/earthquake-communications-preparedness-forum>> has a video of all the talks given at the conference. Fugate's remarks begin at the 18:45 mark. His remarks about amateur radio start at about 29:20.

I think it's great that the head of FEMA thinks so highly of hams. Before you get all excited about this, though, listen to all of Fugate's comments. He has some interesting comments about all of the different ways that responders gather information and provide information to the public in an emergency. I think listening to all of the remarks will help give those of you who are involved with emergency communications more of an overall perspective, and may even help you evolve our role into something that's more useful in the future.

At one point, for example, Fugate held up a cell phone and told the audience to think of this device as both a data point and a sensor. Folks with cell phones can help emergency responders by sending video and audio of the situation, preparing the responders for what to expect when they do arrive. I don't know how many ARES/RACES groups have incorporated video into their emcomm plans, but it sounds like it should be.

Also important, says Fugate, is a solid knowledge of communities, local geography, and place names. I'm not sure if that's normally a part of emcomm training, but it sounds like it should be.

I'll be the first to admit that I'm not an emergency communications geek, so perhaps I'm talking through my hat. It seems to me, however, that it's important to listen to what guys like Fugate are saying and work with them to make amateur radio even more relevant and useful in emergency situations.

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When he's not pondering the state of ham radio, you'll find KB6NU teaching classes; working on WA2HOM, the ham radio station at Ann Arbor's Hands-On Museum ([www.wa2hom.org](http://www.wa2hom.org)), or operating CW on the HF bands. You'll find his blog at [www.kb6nu.com](http://www.kb6nu.com), or you can e-mail him at [cwgeek@kb6nu.com](mailto:cwgeek@kb6nu.com).

## TRY THIS ONE.

Try this [online certificate service](http://www.ae7q.net/Generate.php) if you'd like to print out a spiffy version of your hard-won Amateur Radio license. It's not official, but good enough to show your family certainly! Or to show all those other hams in your [Zip Code](http://www.ae7q.net/Generate.php). (Thanks, John KE7KDQ) Here is the URL <http://www.ae7q.net/Generate.php> (From ARRL contest bulletin)

## BOOKMARK THIS

**Web Site of the Week** - There's an intriguing link on the [Kansas Section web site](http://ksarrrl.org/deeplink/) with the title "Amateur Nirvana! 500 Websites! All Ham links! Nothing but Ham Radio." It's a great resource for web information about our hobby. Thanks to Orlan WØOYH and Kent KBØRWI for compiling these ham radio links. (From the Midwest Division newsletter by Midwest Division Director, Cliff KØCA) Here is the URL <http://ksarrrl.org/deeplink/> (from ARRL Contest Bulletin)

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*Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC—S. Marler.*

**CLUB MEETINGS** are held on the third Wednesday of each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge or the Sonoma Fire Station on 2<sup>nd</sup> St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

**WEB PAGE:** <http://www.vomarc.org/>

**Nets** are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

**ACS** holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

**PACKET STATION INFO:** The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

**CLUB BREAKFASTS** are held on the first Saturday of each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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**2011 ACS  
Net Control Assignments**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Call</b>
JANUARY	EILEEN	KG6QNT
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH		
APRIL	MARTY	KI6RTP
MAY		
JUNE	GEORGE	K6ITE
JULY	CRAIG	KF6QZP
AUGUST	KEN	N6KM
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WD6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

**2011 VOMARC  
Net Control Assignments**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Call</b>
JANUARY	ED	WIEJ
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	JOAN	W6WXU
APRIL	DAVE	KG6FIL
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY		
AUGUST	KEN	N6KM
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR
DECEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH

## NEW RUSSIAN CALLSIGNS

If you have been on the HF bands lately, you may have noticed that a number of new prefixes are in use by stations in the Russian Federation. Here is a summary of the changes recently adopted by the Russian telecommunication authorities.

- Russian prefixes with the numeral 2 are no longer limited to Kaliningradsk. Stations with RA2 and UA2-UI2 (with F and K as the first letter in the suffix) are in Kaliningradsk; otherwise, these prefixes will be used in European Russia.
- Stations with the following prefixes are in European Russia: R1, RA1-RZ1 (except RI1 as noted below), R2, RB2-RZ2, R3-R7, RA3-RZ7, UA1 and UA3-UI7. Also, stations with the prefixes R8, R9, RA8-RZ9 and UA8-UI9 (with F, S, T, W or X as the first letter in the suffix) are in European Russia.
- Except for those listed above, all stations with 8, 9 and 0 as the numeral are in Asiatic Russia.
- Russian Antarctic stations use temporary call signs in the series RI1ANA-RI1ANZ and RI00ANT to RI99ANT.
- Franz Jozef Land stations use temporary call signs RI1F, RI1FJ and RI1FJA-RI1FJZ.
- Malyj Visotskij island stations use temporary call signs RI1M, RI1MV and RI1MVA-RI1MVZ.

*Thanks to SRR President Roman Thomas, R5AA (ex-RZ3AA) for the information.*

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**THE NEXT MEETING IS Wed, JUNE 15, 2011 at MCDOUGAL HALL AT THE DEVELOPMENTAL  
CENTER IN ELDRIDGE AT 7:30 PM  
SEE YOU THERE.**

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**VOMARC MEMBERSHIP**

**VOMARC 2011**    Membership Dues:   \$15/year individual;      \$5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org).  
QST is available to blind and physically handicapped individuals on audio cassette from the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Call 1-800-424-8567.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CALL: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ APT: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CALL: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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VOMARC: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Complimentary with Class--Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Moment, From the Database Queen**

Dues may be mailed to Desmond KI6DZP, 416 Claudia Dr, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting.  
Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**.